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Christ Church and School, Peoria, Ill.

The frontispiece shows the ideal church plant — a well-built church and a modern parochial school. The unbeatable combination. The Rev. J. C. Schuelke is pastor.

A cable received from London on October 16 announced the safe arrival there of Dr. John W. Behnken and Dr. Lawrence Meyer, who are visiting Europe as representatives of our Synod.

Eleven of our thirteen congregations in Houston, Tex., now maintain Christian day schools. The two exceptions are recently organized congregations. One of the schools opening this fall is the first Lutheran school in Texas for colored children.

The church paper of our Spanish-speaking congregations in North America, *Noticiero Luterano*, in 1944 had an average monthly paid circulation of 1151. The bulk of its subscribers are located in twenty of our States, and in every country south of the Rio Grande where Spanish is spoken. The Rev. Felix Segovia, who edits the *Noticiero Luterano*, is pastor in Monterrey, Mexico. The paper's business office is in Brownsville, Tex., in charge of the Rev. Harry H. Smith.

Pastor R. W. Uecker uses an airplane, of which he is part owner, to cut the time consumed in traveling over long distances. When the Norris, S. Dak., congregation recently dedicated its new church, Pastor Uecker delivered the sermon after flying from Custer to Norris in one hour and forty-five minutes. The trip by automobile would have required about five hours.

Chaplain Martin Graebner, according to the Army and Navy Commission, is stationed at Yokohama, Japan, at present. Chaplain Martin Poch will soon be on his way there, as well as five or six others of our men on the Philippines.

The Lutheran Laymen's League reports a phenomenal growth in membership during 1945. On Sept. 30, 1944, the League listed 19,680 roll-call members. This number has now been increased by 8,019.

The school bus placed in the service of its Christian day school by Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Black Jack (Florissant), Mo., seems to be the first of its kind in the St. Louis area and has been instrumental in adding twenty-three pupils to the enrollment, eight from non-Lutheran homes.

The Rev. A. Ollenburg, Bloomfield, Nebr., recently observed his fiftieth anniversary as pastor. During the entire half century he served the Bloomfield congregation, which was organized Oct. 13, 1895. On the picture we have the Rev. A. Ollenburg (center) with Dr. J. W. Behnken (r.), who preached the anniversary sermon. To the left stands Dr. C. H. Becker, pastor emeritus, now living in Seward, Nebr., who was ordained on Aug. 3, sixty-three years ago, whose years of service make him our oldest pastor in Nebraska. Dr. Becker is Pastor Ollenburg's father-in-law.

The Racine Lutheran High School, now in its second year, has an enrollment of ninety-four students, taught by five teachers. The present freshman and sophomore years by fall 1947 will be expanded to a four-year course. Two new men, Mr. Elmer Eggold and Mr. Ben Pfeiffer, were installed as teachers this fall. The former, who will also act as principal, is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and has done advanced work at Valparaiso, Northwestern, and Marquette Universities. The latter holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., and in addition to teaching will hold the position of business manager.

Pastor R. W. Uecker Ready to Take Off

Miss Catherine Huesemann on Oct. 11 celebrated her ninetieth birthday. From 1871 on she assisted Mrs. C. F. W. Walther in her household duties. After Mrs. Walther's death she continued as housekeeper until Dr. Walther's death in 1887. For more than a decade she has now made her home at the Lutheran Altenheim in St. Louis.

The Church of Our Redeemer at Indianapolis (the Rev. W. H. Eifert, pastor) recently in an evening service heard a sermon on the present movement towards Lutheran unity. After the service there

The Rev. A. Ollenburg with Drs. C. H. Becker and J. W. Behnken

was an open forum; questions were put and answered. In order that all the members may be thoroughly informed in reference to the doctrinal statement that is submitted for study to the members of our Synod and those of the American Lutheran Church, the congregation ordered 200 copies of the Doctrinal Affirmation for distribution among its members. If all our congregations would follow the example given by the Church of Our Redeemer, our members would not only have an answer to the question: What about all this talk concerning Lutheran unity? but would themselves derive great benefit from the study of the great fundamental truths of their Christian religion. Copies of the Doctrinal Affirmation (twenty pages) may be procured from Concordia Publishing House at 5 cents per copy.

G. V. S.

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Editorial

God's Justice and Man's Justice

Nearly everyone of us hears God's justice questioned. Men ask: Why does God permit such things? These questioners have forgotten that great truth enunciated many years ago: "Of God's judgment many are very mysterious, but none are unjust." Remember, God knows all things, the entire past; and He knows the entire future. He knows secrets which even the best detectives and the most reliable lawyers in courts cannot ferret out. Our courts make many mistakes because of their inability to find out all that must be known in order to render a just verdict. Many a criminal is therefore not brought to justice in our courts; and again, innocent men and women have sometimes been condemned. Lately Governor Dewey of New York has extended a full pardon to an innocent man who has served three years for a crime which he did not commit. Another man has at last, on his deathbed, confessed that he had committed the crime. The press also has reported that in Illinois a man has been released after serving thirteen years for an offense which he did not commit. Nearly every one of us who has had years of experience could relate cases where innocent men have suffered for the crimes of others.

God never makes such mistakes. But of this we may be sure, that those who suffer innocently may commit themselves and their lot to God, who judges righteously. We are to do what St. Paul told the Corinthians: "Why do ye not rather take wrong?" 1 Cor. 6:7. St. Peter also tells us: "This is thankworthy if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully." And he advises such: "Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

But let all of us be careful to follow the Savior's command: "Judge not, that ye be not judged," Matt. 7:1. S.

The Synodical Name

When the Lutheran editors met in St. Louis, some of us over the coffee cups discussed synodical names. Being questioned, Dr. Malmin of the Norwegian Lutheran Church said that with a confirming vote at the next convention the name of his church body will be "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." Someone else remarked that the United Danish Church had recently changed its name to The United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. "And we are The American Lutheran Church," remarked a representative from Columbus. Dr. Melhorn of Philadelphia deposed that the name of his church body is The United Lutheran Church in America. We were reminded that there is a small but very ancient Norwegian Synod (Eielsen's Synod) which bears the name Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. It is made up of 13 congregations, served by four pastors.

There is the American Lutheran Conference and the National Lutheran Council and the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America.

Remarked Dr. E. E. Ryden, whose Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America is at least recognizable as "Augustana," that is, the church of the Augsburg Confession, "There is certainly a confusion of Lutheran synodical names, that soon no one within or without our Church will be able to find his way through."

For us of the Missouri Synod there is a sad feature in the reminiscence that in 1941 we were about ready to accept the name "The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America," but allowed the opportunity to lapse.

Comparing all of the suggestions made and the possibilities that remain, this editor, after several months of intense cogitation, is ready to suggest that the name of "Missouri" *remain what it is* — "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States." No check is long enough to contain that name unless written in pen and ink. There is joy in the thought that checks are getting bigger all the time, even if not longer. G.

Most of Them Claim Some Church Connection

In a northern Missouri town the local missionary reports that about half of the people in the community do not attend any church, and he adds, "That condition does not make mission work easy, however, because a large proportion claim some church connection."

It may well be that the missionary is stalled off by being told, "We are Methodists," "We belong to the Baptist church." However, the story should not end there. By asking what the lawyers call "a few leading questions" the person being canvassed will soon let us know whether he is a bona fide Methodist, Presbyterian, etc., or whether his true answer to our question would have been: "My grandparents attended the Presbyterian church" or "When my mother died, she was buried by a Methodist preacher." In other words, these folks are mission material.

More than that, we are beginning to realize that denominational names no longer give a clear definition of a man's religion. Time was when persons in good standing in a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian church, to mention only these, would be considered members of a Christian denomination, and we would not regard them as missionary material. But what of a man's connection with the Baptist or Methodist church when at least in the northern States more than half of these churches are Modernist?

In other words, they are being indoctrinated by persons who deny the deity of Christ, the atonement by His blood, the resurrection from the dead, and every other fundamental of Christianity. Shall such persons be regarded as Christians merely because their Church still bears the label of a Christian denomination? What is it that counts, The Episcopalian Book of Common Prayer, which is certainly Christian, or the local Episcopalian rector (preacher), who has, lo, these 10 or 15 years, fed his people on the husks of work-righteousness and a denatured social gospel? Does the name "Protestant Episcopal" mark such a congregation as Protestant, Christian? Would applying the name "Cherokee" or "Chippewa" to a Negro or a white man make of him an Indian?

What counts is the kind of gospel that has permeated a congregation's life. What counts is whether a congregation is led by a shepherd or a wolf (Matt. 7:15). G.

Signs and Symptoms

Even the world tells us: "A straw shows which way the wind blows." Jesus also reminded the Pharisees and Sadducees that while they noticed those signs which indicated fair or foul weather, they failed miserably in giving proper heed to the signs of the time of the Messiah. And Jesus certainly expects all men to note the signs of the approaching end. There can be no doubt about it that He wants everyone of us to give attention also to the signs and symptoms in the Church. Right now we may note signs in the Church which ought to fill our hearts with gratitude to God. There is a renewal of deep interest in the Christian day school. Even the secular press is discussing the importance of instruction in the Christian religion, its doctrine and ethics. Our normal schools, both at River Forest and at Seward, show increased attendance. A number of new schools have been opened, and attendance at many of our older schools has increased. There is progress in other directions. Contributions to the Church show marked advance over former years. There is, moreover, a very decided and sincere interest in Lutheran unity. Representatives of the different Lutheran bodies meet and discuss differences. No one can deny that through these meetings a better understanding has been achieved. All of these are good signs. We thank God for what has been accomplished.

But if we are to be honest, there are also alarming symptoms in the Church. We note impatience with the slowness of progress toward union. There is some suspicion and evil-speaking. Let us heed the Word of God: "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another," Gal. 5:15. But withal we may rejoice in this good sign that Lutherans are restudying God's Word and the reliable Confessions of the Church upon this very subject of unity and union. S.

District-wide Subscription Efforts

The LUTHERAN WITNESS has never put on a "campaign" for subscriptions. It has depended on the year-round effort of its agents in the congregations and on the good word put in, to friends and neighbors, by its readers. We have tried to edit a good paper. At a recent gathering we heard Manager O. A. Dorn make the remark that sticking to the priority rules on newsprint was a hard job, since he could have accepted 50,000 subscriptions, which unfortunately were not permissible under the rationing rules.* The priorities on paper have been removed, but the paper mills are not yet able to supply newsprint in sufficient quantities, and it will be some time before our Districts can get all the copies of their church papers which they order.

The Saginaw convention encouraged all our Districts to adopt a rule which will bring the LUTHERAN WITNESS into every home. Action was taken during the past season by several Districts, but the North Wisconsin District formulated a resolution which is worth quoting. At least if you were an editor, you would think it worth quoting. Here it is, as submitted by the Rev. E. G. Schedler for the Wisconsin Valley Conference:

WHEREAS, It is evident today that the secular press is a most potent means of influencing the thought and views of our people and often carries within its pages, besides the necessary social, political, industrial, and economic information, much unwholesome, harmful, and destructive material for the soul life of our members; and

WHEREAS, For the spiritual welfare of our congregations, this flood of secular literature should be counteracted, its materialistic influence hindered, and, wherever necessary, antidotes administered against its probable harmful effects; and

WHEREAS, Our church periodicals have from the very beginning served as a very effective means of spreading the wholesome influence of the Gospel, bringing the light of the Word of God to bear upon the problems of everyday life, and acting as a channel through which the waters of life, with their cleansing powers, are directed into the homes of our people; and

WHEREAS, Our people should not only be warned against the evils of our day but also be informed on the blessed work and the good that is done and should be accomplished by our Church and Synod, and should be well instructed in the blessed program of the Kingdom, on its needs and welfare; and

WHEREAS, No other means is more fortunately constituted today to fulfill these offices of warning, edifying, and directing the minds of our people and unifying their efforts than our church periodicals, aiding and abetting the growth of a well-informed, intelligent, and Christian citizenship of our commonwealth and the Kingdom of God within our Church;

—therefore it was recommended that the District initiate a subscription campaign under a duly appointed manager, with the provision that the District assume the cost in excess of 50 cents for every subscription. The floor committee recommended favorable action, and a motion to approve of its findings was adopted.

Our thanks to Secretary Schedler, the Wisconsin Valley Conference, the floor committee, and the North Wisconsin District. G.

Preparing for Our Synodical Centennial

In 1947, God willing, our Synod will observe its centennial. Celebrations of this kind are milestones at which we pause and look back upon the past to thank God for His many blessings; to ask His forgiveness for our sins and shortcomings, our weaknesses and failures; to implore His divine guidance and strength for the way that lies before us; to re-affirm our pledges of loyalty to the Captain of our salvation; and to marshal all our forces for the tasks and problems of the future. A brief review of the history of our Synod in the columns of the LUTHERAN WITNESS will, therefore, help our readers to prepare for our Synodical centennial. We have asked Dr. J. M. Weidenschilling to furnish us with a series of such historical articles. The first will be found in the pages of this issue. This series will continue in one issue of each month until it is completed. We trust our readers will find the articles profitable.

W. G. P.

* Limiting this paper to 228,000 subscribers.

Christian Education

By P. L. BORNHOEFT, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

There is rejoicing in the ranks of the Missouri Synod because of the fact that we have opened a goodly number of new schools, parish schools. That is a sign that Christian education is making forward strides.

We stand upon the threshold of a new era in the history of the world and of our Church. We must re-emphasize the old truths and the old moorings, for without these we are just another organization without purpose for eternity. Shall what we teach avail something for eternity and for the life that now is, then we must make it a point that everything that is taught in our schools and Sunday schools, or other agencies, shall be subservient to the Word. We must shut out everything that would divert from this goal.

Peace has come, and we are all happy over that fact. And now we hope to have more happiness because of it. Thank God we will; but what kind of happiness is our present age seeking? How many will select death in their search, when they are thinking they have chosen life but in reality have chosen slow suicide! In what has the world tied up its quest for life? It has tied it up in that one word happiness. Egypt sought it in the grandeur of her enterprises and her monuments; she ruled great peoples. China sought it in wisdom and courtesy. Judea sought it in restraint, checking the impetuous energy of her proud men and passionate women. India has sought happiness in self-slain wills and stilled desires. Greece sought it in her wealth and power. England sought it in empire building; Germany sought it in science; France sought it in pleasure and in inventive genius. America seeks it in wealth, luxury, and mechanics. In what are we, as leaders of the church, to lead our charges? We are to lead them in the way of life pleasing to God.

God gave us life to live it to its fullest extent, not in excess but with control.

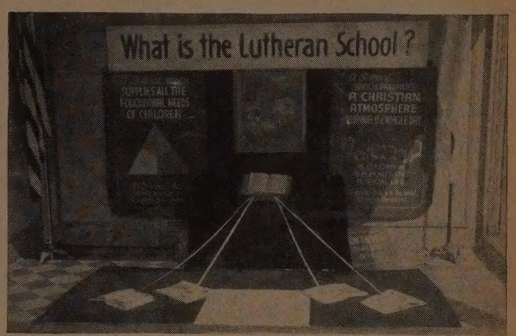
We want to make use of the art of music to brighten the way of life, but not to fill the air with noises, hideous, imported from the jungle, but clean happy tunes, which lift up the soul and fill the spirit with joy. We must create a taste for the beautiful, for the sublime; we must point to Him who is the Song of Songs. In our leadership of life we point out the importance of botany, but not at the expense of the Rose of Sharon, Christ Jesus. We want history to have its rightful place in our curriculums, but always in recognition of Him who controls the course of empires and republics.

With all the training we are able to give we shall concentrate upon the issue that our youth shall respect God-given authority and learn to obey those who have the rule over them.

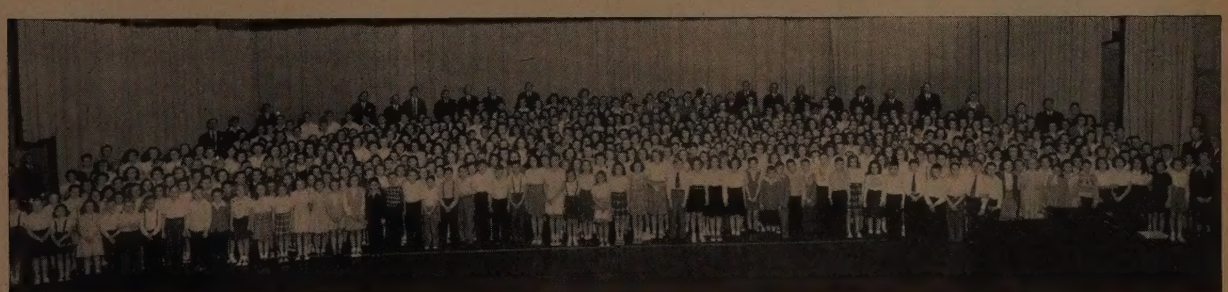
No school and no class ever gained intellectual growth nor progressed in the way of happy living by a teacher's superficial preparation and platitudinous repetition. What made Jesus the world's greatest Teacher? For one thing, He was interesting. He spoke in a manner which arrested the attention. He did not speak truth as though it were fiction. His soul was in what He preached and said. He did not attain a great following. But this small handful of people turned the world upside down. When Christianity took possession as the centuries passed, paganism marched out, the Roman eagles came down, and the cross of Christ went up. There lived in the hearts and souls of the Christians a truth which fired them to action.

We need the spirit of Christ in our hearts and the hearts of our children, and this can come to pass only if in our schools and colleges we speak the words of life as those who know the way of life.

Dear reader, let us foster Christian education with all the help we can give. Stand by your Christian teachers and give them all the mechanical aids they need in their work. The devil is making the way of death attractive to the world, let us make the way of life so attractive through the teaching of Christ that the whole world will be converted. Seek ye first the kingdom of God! We must think Christian education from the cradle to the grave. We must fill the hearts and souls of those entrusted to our care with the knowledge of the way of life, or we permit them to drift into the way of death. The impenitent malefactor and the disciple Judas chose the way of death. Pilate and Herod also went the same way. So did Jesse James and Dillinger. So many are not saved because in so many places educators have become fossilized and for that reason do not evangelize. The Gospel must be preached and taught with the joy and freshness of a spring morning, and then there will be a song within the souls of the hearers which shall resound from earth to heaven.



A Window Display of St. John's School, Seward, Nebr.
Principal, Mr. Martin J. Maehr, B. A., M. S.



Mass Chorus, Parochial Schools of St. Louis County, 1945

Your Board for Parish Education

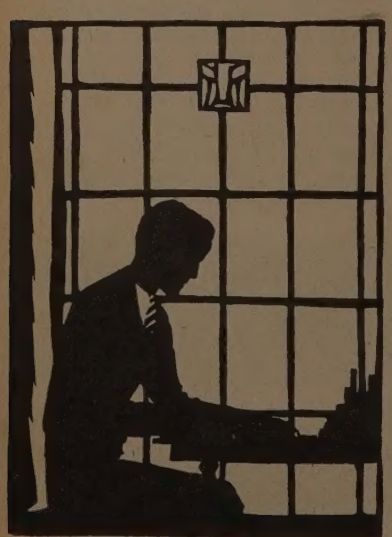
By ARTHUR C. REPP, St. Louis, Mo.

When Synod in 1944 changed the name of the Board of Christian Education to the Board for Parish Education it put the final touches to a development of three decades.

Professor Paul Bretscher

Before 1914 there was no synodical board to supervise any of the educational agencies of the Church. Every congregation was left to work out its own educational problems. What textbooks were published were either specifically authorized by Synod or were published at the discretion of Concordia Publishing House. In 1914 someone sensed that our Christian day school system was not as healthy as the statistical records indicated, and as a result the President of Synod was authorized to appoint a school committee. This was the beginning of the old General School Board. In 1920 a Sunday school committee was appointed, which later became the General Sunday School Board. Two boards working in the field of parish education did not make for co-ordination; so Synod in 1929 united the two. In effect the union was only technical because most of their meetings were held separately. The following convention corrected this by creating the Board of Christian Education, which had the supervision of the work done by both of the former boards. Since 1932 additional areas have been assigned to this Board, including the supervision of high schools maintained by congregations and the field of adult education, which extension finally led to the more descriptive title, the Board for Parish Education.

The Board consists of nine men, three pastors, three teachers, and three laymen. The present members are Dr. Paul Bretscher, chairman, professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and former professor of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest; the Rev. Paul Juergensen of Alton, Ill.; the Rev. Thomas Spitz, President of the Southern Illinois District; Mr. L. J. Dierker, secretary, former principal of a St. Louis school and now in the Western District office; Mr. Walter Schroeter, principal of a large urban school; Mr. H. F. C. Roehl, principal of a rural school; Mr. Robert Steinmeyer, treasurer, superintendent of a large Sunday school; Mr. John Goodbrake, a former Sunday school superintendent; and Mr. Victor Eggerding, active in the St. Louis Lutheran Laymen's League and associated with the local high school movement. During the year plenary meetings are also held with representatives of the theological seminaries, the teachers' colleges, and Synod's Board of Directors.



Synod has assigned the task of supervising, promoting, and directing its educational activities to this Board. While the Board plans the activities, most of the actual work is carried out through its office staff, which has its offices at Concordia Publishing House.

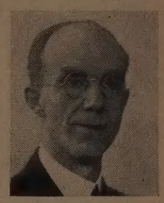
A. C. Stellhorn

The work of the office staff is divided among three departments. Mr. A. C. Stellhorn, secretary of schools, assisted by Mr. William Kramer, has charge of the work in connection with the Christian day schools. This department is entrusted with the promotion of the schools, providing suitable textbooks, and assisting District Presidents in the calling of teachers. A special bulletin, the *News Service*, is issued to keep pastors and teachers informed of its activities. This department has in recent years produced an extensive course of studies for our schools, a series of modern readers and workbooks, and is now working either alone or in conjunction with other committees in the production of a civics book, a Church history, material for primary religious classes, and additional readers for upper grades.

A second department is concerned chiefly with the Sunday schools and Junior Bible classes and is under the direction of the Rev. A. C. Mueller, editor of Sunday school material, who is assisted by Dr. John Weidenschilling, editor of Bible class material. This department has also issued material for released-time classes and is now working on cradle roll and nursery courses. This department is closely associated with the training courses for Sunday school teachers, though the supervision of this material is not in the province of the Board.

The third department, only recently created at the convention at Saginaw, is the division of adult education. This work will be under the supervision of the Rev. Oscar Feucht, who will be closely associated with the planned *Family Magazine* and the material for adult Bible classes.

In addition to the above staff members Mr. Arthur Gross has recently been added as writer and editor. At present he is engaged in preparing material for primary religion classes and will soon assume charge of the production of vacation Bible school courses.



A. C. Mueller

So that all these departments may be closely integrated for a co-ordinated program of parish education and that contact be kept with the District boards and other synodical boards and organizations, Synod authorized the calling of an executive secretary to head the entire work. The Board is in the process of calling a man to fill the present vacancy. In the past two years close contact was effected with other groups within Synod, especially the Walther League, the Young People's Board, the Lutheran Education Association, the Visual Education Service, and Concordia Publishing House. Through these contacts a number of tracts, a color film for the Christian day school, a correspondence course for the military, a high school manual, and curriculum material in religious education for secondary schools have been issued.

In order that congregations may become more conscious of their educational obligations and opportunities and to help them consolidate their program under a unified head, the Board, by authority of Synod, has called for an annual observance of Lutheran Education Week. It was prompted to do this especially because of some startling facts. The most recent statistics reveal that only 59,000 of *our own* children are enrolled in the Christian day school; that in spite of a slight increase in the enrollment of our Sunday schools we are still 4,725 behind the enrollment reported in 1940; that 75 per cent of our Sunday schools have an enrollment of less than 100 children; that while we speak of the Sunday school as a missionary agency, we have enrolled fewer than 30,000 children from unchurched homes; that the average attendance in Sunday school on any given Sunday is only 67 per cent of the enrollment; that only 49,158 persons are enrolled in our Bible classes, or about 5 per cent of our communicant membership; and that in spite of our active educational program in Synod there are at least 45,000 of our children who get no formal instruction in religion before they begin their confirmation instruction. A careful study of these facts gives cause for alarm.

The initial observance of Lutheran Education Week in 1944 was enthusiastically accepted by a large number of congregations. On that occasion the home received special emphasis. This year the week of Nov. 11—17 has been set aside, with the chief emphasis placed on the

Trinity School Bus, Santa Ana, California

The school opened September, 1944. L. to r.: Pastor W. L. Duerr, Teacher W. F. Ott. The bus is being used both for day school and Sunday school. Pastor and teacher are bus drivers on school days. The ushers drive on Sundays

child, under the theme "Keep Faith with Them." Each congregation through its pastor and teachers has been supplied with posters and a handbook containing detailed suggestions. Much of the material offered is of particular value to the Sunday school.

Thus *your* Board for Parish Education works quietly but effectively behind the scenes in order that the Church's education program may keep abreast of the times and meet the challenge of the day.

Advantages of the One-Room School

I taught a one-room school for twelve years in one place and for nine years in another. That made me a firm believer in the one-room school. I know I attended a good school in Cleveland, but it was a so-called graded school, that is to say, it had more than one teacher, four, in fact, while I attended, and five soon after. But after having taught in a one-room school for 21 years, I feel that my children had certain advantages that I could not derive from my years in school.

There should be only one limit to the one-room school — the number of pupils. Beyond a certain number, the school gets to the point where the teacher can no longer do justice to the situation. But I will say that the number need not be as small as is commonly assumed. In the following I shall not refer to the advantages that redound to the teacher himself, although much might be said on that score also. But I will say that for the pupils — and they should be the real issue in all teaching — the one-room school is the closest approximation to the ideal.

In a one-room school the teacher, if he is the man the situation calls for, can do more for the character of the child than is possible when the children are pushed around from teacher to teacher. When a child passes from teacher to teacher, the danger is that the character of the child will not be formed as it should be. Children, just like adults, learn more by example than by precept. A child will unconsciously pattern after his teacher, the more so, if he knows him and has developed confidence in him. He will absorb his ways, his viewpoint, his ideals, and make them his own. It is evident that the longer the child can remain under the influence of one person, the more likely this process of imbibition of traits will be successful, always supposing, of course, that the teacher is what he should be, a real Christian, with that horizon that a teacher ought to have. Here, I feel, is the great outstanding opportunity for the one-room school.

But a child in a one-room school will also learn better and more thoroughly what he is offered than one might guess. The child in the lower grades of the one-room school unconsciously is impressed by what he hears of the lessons in the upper grades. That is no drawback, but an opportunity. The child says to himself: When I reach that grade, I, too, shall get that subject. I, too, shall learn that matter. His desire to learn and to advance is unconsciously stimulated. And when he does reach those grades, the mind is not so unprepared for the subject. The seeds that had fluttered into his mind will sprout. He will take in more details than otherwise would be the case. He will get a fuller grasp of the subject in hand. I discovered this because the children themselves confided this to me.

And if there is anything in the saying *Repetitio est mater studiorum,* then the children in the upper grades will also profit. They cannot help but hear what is being handled in the lower grades. Unconsciously they review. It all comes back to them and fixes itself more firmly in their minds.

When I look back upon my years of teaching, my regret is not that I spent them all in a one-room school. I am glad of it. I feel that I was much closer to my children than I could have been otherwise. My regret is that I was not more fully prepared to teach when I stepped into the schoolroom. As you know, I was bred to the ministry. I had to try to train myself to teaching, by reading up and by experimenting. But it gradually dawned upon me that the one-room school is the ideal. I wish that we could get away from the impression that the great, highly organized school does more *good* to the child than the little one-room school. A child should not feel that he is only an atom. He should feel that he is an individual.

Austin, Texas W. H. Bewie

Family Allowances in Canada

Throughout the Dominion of Canada the Family Allowance Act went into operation during the month of July, 1945. One year previously the act was approved by the members of the Parliament at Ottawa without a dissenting vote, 139—0. The Department of National Health and Welfare has now put the act into effect. Approximately $20,000,000 will be distributed monthly.

The Family Allowance Act provides that a cash subsidy be granted each month on behalf of every child in Canada from birth until the 16th birthday. The amount increases with the age of the child, from $5 to $8 per month.

It is also provided that the allowances be used exclusively for the "maintenance, care, training, education, and advancement of the child." If a child above the age of six and physically fit fails to attend school or to receive equivalent training, the allowance for that child will be discontinued.

While all parents and guardians in Canada irrespective of their means are eligible for the allowances, only the homes with low incomes are being benefited. The national income tax schedule is arranged in such a manner that those who have a taxable income of $3,000 or more, would return the entire amount of the allowance in the form of income tax.

It is expected that the standard of life of the Canadian child will be improved by this plan and that the Church in the Dominion will be in a position to guide the spiritual development of her children with increased proficiency. In planning the training of children in parochial schools, Sunday schools, summer schools, and other agencies of the Church, we can now depend on the financial ability of the children. Educational helps such as suitable literature, charts, furniture, projectors, etc., will improve the quality of training given to our children for their temporal and eternal welfare.

Mitchell, Ontario A. C. Hahn

Doctrinal Affirmation

The Doctrinal Affirmation is the document which was drawn up, on the basis of the Brief Statement of the Missouri Synod and the Declaration of the American Lutheran Church, by a subcommittee of the American Lutheran Church Fellowship Commission and a subcommittee of the Missouri Synod Committee for Doctrinal Unity and subsequently approved by the entire Committee of the Missouri Synod for Doctrinal Unity. At the Saginaw convention of the Missouri Synod and at the Sandusky convention of the American Lutheran Church, both held last year, announcement concerning the preparation

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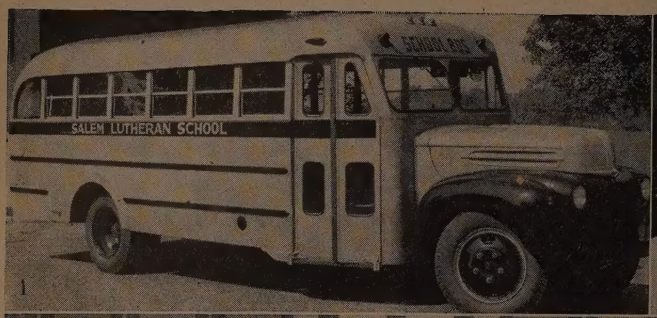

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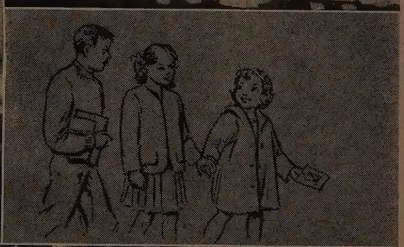

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1. Bus of Suburban-Rural School
2. A Suburban Kindergarten, Rally Day
3. Two-Room School, Eight Grades
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5. Grades 6—8, Reflecting Florida Sunshine
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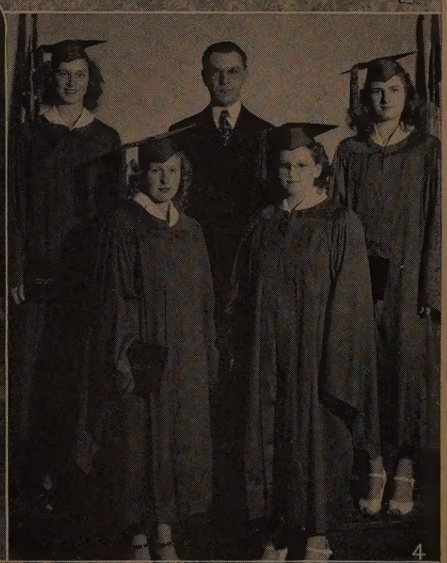

1. A Bunch of Fourth Graders in Kansas
2. Recess Time in Old Mizzou'.
3. First Arrivals at a New School Opening
4. 1945 Graduates of High School Dept., Oregon
5. Upper Grade Quintet in the Buckeye State
6. Sunday School Primary Dept., Central Illinois

of this joint document was duly made. Both conventions resolved that the document be received and studied. We are here particularly interested in the action of our own Synod at Saginaw.

The floor committee in charge brought in the following recommendation, which was adopted by the convention:

"We recommend that our Committee for Doctrinal Unity be instructed, as soon as the document is in shape to be presented, to make it accessible to all members of our Synod, not only pastors and teachers, but also to congregations, in order that all members of our Synod everywhere may have an opportunity to study the document carefully and be ready for the final vote in the convention of 1947. This document will, therefore, after acceptance by the respective bodies, clearly supersede all previous doctrinal documents and resolutions as accepted by Synod in 1938 and 1941."

About a year ago the Committee for Doctrinal Unity sent a copy of the Doctrinal Affirmation to every pastor and teacher of our Missouri Synod. The committee trusts that in keeping with the request of Synod the document has received wide study. The Committee would like to urge that wherever such study has not yet been undertaken, it be done in the near future. It is of the conviction that since we are here dealing with a pronouncement as to the doctrinal stand of our Synod which is to be voted on at the next convention, no member of our Synod can afford to be indifferent as to its contents. The Committee would like to urge that not only conferences and individual pastors and teachers and laymen study the document but that, according to the wish of the convention, congregations devote some time to its joint reading and scrutiny. In that way the brethren who will be delegates at the next convention of Synod will be enabled to vote intelligently when the document is submitted for approval or rejection, and the whole congregation will be led into a deeper study of the divine truth revealed to us in the Scriptures.

The Committee at this time wishes to report that a number of criticisms and suggestions have been submitted by conferences and individuals, which are being carefully considered. Since the document has not been accepted either by the American Lutheran Church or the Missouri Synod, it can be altered and amended as may appear necessary. At present the Committee is engaged in conferences with representatives of the sister synods in the Synodical Conference concerning the Doctrinal Affirmation and is receiving criticisms and suggestions from these brethren.

Evidently the time for the submission of proposals as to alterations in the document must be given a limit. In view of the work that is involved in the consideration of all communications received, the Committee herewith issues the request that all such communications be sent before March 1, 1946. It holds that in the months which will intervene between the present date and March 1 next enough time is allowed for those who desire to make recommendations concerning the Doctrinal Affirmation and have not yet done so. Communications may be addressed either to the undersigned or to the secretary of the Committee, the Rev. F. H. Brunn, 612 N. Horsman St., Rockford, Ill.

May God's blessing rest on the study of the Doctrinal Affirmation both in our and in other circles.

Committee for Doctrinal Unity
W. ARNDT, *Chairman*

A $2,750,000 Budget for 1946

By W. F. BECK, Publicity Office, St. Louis, Mo.

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Colleges and Seminaries ($685,000)

This sum is about a fourth of the budget and the largest single item in it. It will finance our schools, in which 160 workers are training several thousand of our young people to become pastors and teachers.

When we look at the enrollment at our colleges, the need for expansion becomes still more urgent. Last year there were 116 more students enrolled than the year before. The enrollment is still greater this year. A number of institutions for the first time turned students away; River Forest has turned away forty students. This large increase of ministerial students will present itself as a corps of candidates for the ministry in eight to ten years.

Add to this the fact that we have 235 chaplains in the armed services. 35 additional pastors are in charge of service centers. The majority of these 270 workers will return to civilian pastorates.

Such an army of workers is a precious gift of God and an answer to our ardent prayer: "Send men, O Lord!" And it fixes in our hearts the determination to reach out on the right and on the left for the best possible stewardship of all our manpower.

Support and Pensions ($400,000)

Not merely the love of our neighbor nor kindness for those who are sick and without a provider moves us to help these 1,660 fellow Christians. These are the men or their dependents who have spent their strength in serving the Church. In grateful remembrance of their services we provide for their necessities as the shadows of their life are lengthening.

The adoption of the Pension Plan by all our congregations and its workers would in the near future eliminate this large sum from our budget and free it for missions and other central projects of the Church.

Parish Education ($42,000)

This sum provides for offices and men from which flows the large variety of Christian literature needed in all the branches of our educational system.

Here, too, there is expansion. Pastor Oscar Feucht of Kansas City, who has accepted the call of Secretary for Adult Education, will engineer a program of Christian training for all ages above confirmation. Another additional man in the office, Mr. A. Gross, is producing materials for vacation Bible schools, primary religious courses and science. And since peace has come, the family magazine is to be launched soon. This needs a $10,000 subsidy until it becomes self-supporting.

Visual Education ($25,000)

This is a new, lively child in the family circle of Synod. In the field of visual education we are only in a small way facing a great challenge. Sound pictures are produced at a cost of $1,000 per minute of showing time. This means that a thirty-minute film costs $30,000 to produce. We need such thirty-minute films on missions in all countries, on stewardship, on Christian life, and on the Bible. A half million dollars ought to be invested here. If we did this, Dr. L. Meyer declared, all money would come back in rentals. "The Power of God" has more than proved this point.

$10,000 is needed to continue the present work. An additional $12,000 was allowed to prepare a filmstrip on Luther's Catechism, and $3,000 for another full-time man.

Student Service Commission ($20,000)

College classrooms will bulge with students on account of greatly increased enrollments. On the campuses of these colleges we must be busy with a church program that will give men and women students that without which learning and culture become a beautiful vanity.

Under the guidance of Executive Secretary Hahn 11 full-time pastors and a large number of pastors of non-student congregations are doing a very fruitful task on the campuses of our country.

For Christ and Humanity

Europe Is Hungry

"One woman, emaciated, with dark rings under her eyes and sores breaking out all over her face, could only mutter self-condemnation because she was unable to feed her two whimpering babies. I watched her trying desperately to force milk from her milkless breasts in a pitiful effort that only left her crying at her failure — she had not eaten for five days. What scraps of food she could beg she had given to her children." Thus writes the *London Daily Herald* correspondent from Berlin. Other reports from Europe tell us that "13,000,000 Germans must die before winter if nothing is done."

Dr. Hans Schoenfeld, whom I met in Geneva last Easter Day, tells of one typical town in Germany in which 108 babies were born during the month of July, of which 99 had already died. He quotes Bishop Otto Debelius of Berlin as saying that all babies born during the last twelve months in some churches he has visited have died. Some 300,000 Germans need insulin and two fifths of them will die if they do not get it.

Our Losses in Poland

The Rev. Zygmunt Michelis, Provost and Senior of the Lutheran Church in Warsaw, Poland, in a letter addressed to our Synod dated July 14, tells that of the total Lutheran membership of 500,000 in Poland before the war only 50,000 remain. From his long letter of heart-rending appeal I quote: "There are several thousand homeless children of Evangelical faith under fifteen years who were left by the Germans here in Warsaw; their parents, being German, escaped to Germany or are in concentration camps. The government lets these children run free. It does not take care of any of them. Our Church has no means to take care of them. The Roman Catholic institutions are taking care of some of them."

Last week I had a meeting in Washington with the Polish chargé d'affaires, Janusz Zoltowski, who described to me vividly the total destruction in Poland. Mr. Zoltowski is a Lutheran and gave me a note of introduction to the Polish ambassador in London, who is also a Lutheran, a member of Bishop Bursche's former congregation of 18,000 members in Warsaw.

Martin Luther Monument in Eisleben, Germany

The snapshot was taken by Corp. Lawrence T. Poeplau of Chicago when the Timberwolf Division (414 Inf.), U. S. First Army, passed through Eisleben, where Luther was born

At the Russian Embassy

On that same day in Washington I had a meeting with Nicolai Novikof, the Russian ambassador. In the course of our conversation we discussed the Lutheran doctrine of Church and State. Quoting Rom. 13 to Mr. Novikof, my memory hesitated a moment. Quick as a flash the Russian ambassador picked up the quotation where I had dropped it and finished it verbatim. He then informed me that from his early youth he had been an ardent student of the Bible.

Message from Our Free Church in Germany

The following excerpts are taken from an official letter dated August 30 and addressed to our Church by the *emergency* convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church, which was held in Gross-Oesingen.

"WHEREAS, There is a widespread and notable increase of church attendance in the whole country; and

"WHEREAS, THE WILLINGNESS IN THE PROTESTANT CLERGY TO ACCEPT CONFESSIONAL LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP MAY BE GREATER THAN HERETOFORE; AND

"WHEREAS, True leadership must be in accordance with the principles laid down by Dr. C. F. W. Walther; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That the honorable Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States be urgently requested —

"1) To send to the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church all available German theological and devotional literature, gratis, especially the works of Dr. C. F. W. Walther and Dr. F. Pieper and some standard English theological literature, also German Bibles and catechisms;

"2) To send to Europe and especially to Germany a commission empowered to act immediately;

"3) To lose no time, but for Jesus' sake and for the succor of souls to act at once.

"The commissioners must be prepared for immediate conferences with notable leaders of the *Landeskirchen* and *Freikirchen* leaning toward confessional Lutheranism at present.

"The literature ought to include all dogmatical works available, also A. Graebner and Hoenecke and Walther-Baier, but above all Walther's whole works, Stoeckhardt's works, very many tracts and sermons for missionary purposes, some copies of the Saint Louis edition of Luther for pastors (two thirds of the pastors of all Germany have lost their whole library, and there will be no Luther on the market for a long time), the *Triglotta*, Krauth's *Conservative Reformation*, historical works on liturgical studies, *Concordia Theological Monthly* 1939—1945, etc.

"To set up *Lutherstuben* where theologians can become acquainted with the Lutheranism of Walther and associates, to publish a theological paper, to reach the public by lectures — these are practical aims of the Free Church.

"Great has been the tribulation of the past; that of the future will be still greater. But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us and is with us all days even unto the end of the world. (Rom. 8:37; Matt. 28:20.) Indivisible is the unity of the spirit, Eph. 4.

"With fraternal greetings to the honorable Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States,

"THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN FREE CHURCH
"HEINRICH STALLMANN, *Vice-Pres.*"

Lutheran Service Center, Paris, France

Commission of American Lutherans

This plea to "lose no time, but for Jesus' sake and for the succor of souls to act at once" is being answered. After many weeks of negotiations with the War and State Departments our Government has granted permission for a Lutheran commission of five men to proceed to Europe and to occupied Germany in the interest of spiritual and physical relief. The two members on this commission representing our Church, Dr. J. W. Behnken and the writer, are scheduled to be in Europe when you read these lines. Dr. Franklin Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. Ralph Long, Executive Secretary of the National Lutheran Council, and Dr. John Aasgaard, President of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, will go to Europe later.

Your representatives are fully mindful of the stupendous responsibility placed upon them. We shall need the continuous prayers of all our fellow members in the body of Christ. Never has an organized church body been confronted with a more piteous cry for help than comes to us now. We must give expression to our faith in labors of love, bringing physical and spiritual help to our fellow Lutherans in devastated Europe. No group of Christians in all the world has a more urgent necessity laid upon it to help in Europe than we of the Missouri Synod.

Thank God, He has made our people willing and eager to help. This has been manifested in the wholehearted participation on the part of so many (not all) in the Peace Thankoffering, which according to present indications will reach about $6,000,000.

Linens, Shoes, Vitamins

Until now it has been impossible for your Planning Council, which has been charged with emergency relief work in Europe, to present to our people any definite plans of action, because of the chaotic conditions still existing in Europe. As soon as your commissioners to Europe have established channels of relief and distribution, an appeal will go forward to all our people for clothing, linens, shoes, medicines, vitamin tablets, and other immediate relief needs. Those of you who have the books mentioned in the above appeal from the Freikirche in Europe, please hold them in readiness to ship. Shipping instructions will be published as soon as facilities have been arranged. Many of our ladies' organizations are now already collecting funds for special relief work among children. Some individuals have already adopted (by proxy) starving and needy war orphans in various parts of Europe. The presses at Concordia Publishing House are beginning to print theological books for the destroyed libraries of pastors in Europe. Three Polish young men, formerly of the Polish army, have made application to enter one of our seminaries. The Board of Directors has approved, and as soon as visas and government clearance have been obtained, the first students for the ministry to come to this country from Europe after the war will be studying at one of our seminaries. In London Dr. Behnken will ordain Candidate Mach, a Pole, who has received permission from the Polish government to go back into Poland and begin work. We have an invitation from Bishop Lehtonen of Finland in which he pleads that our commission remain at least two weeks in Finland.

We have urgent petitions from the Lutheran churches of Austria, Czechoslovakia, France, and many Lutheran leaders in Germany *outside the Freikirche* to come to help re-establish a Church founded on God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure.

Scores of our chaplains stationed in Germany have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours in doctrinal discussions with German church leaders. All these contacts have been provided by God to pave our way in helping to build again the temple of God in Europe.

First Things First

Leaders of the Presbyterian Church advocate that only the most necessary church building be done in this country until the most urgent needs in suffering Europe have been supplied. The Episcopal Church has announced the postponement of an organized campaign to raise $10,000,000 for the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, because "deeply as we believe in its value to the whole Church as a mighty and far-reaching influence in the missionary field, we believe that the first place should now be given to the urgent needs and opportunities in Europe." British church leaders are sponsoring a movement for further voluntary cuts in already restricted British food rations to help save as many as possible. The comparatively few members of the Freikirche in Germany have raised a special fund of 100,000 marks. This morning's mail brings a letter from Dr. C. Hoopmann, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia, expressing their eagerness to work together with our Church in its program of relief in Europe, for which it is raising 10,000 pounds sterling.

God's chosen people in the Missouri Synod are eager to do their utmost. The overwhelming job before us makes our hands tremble and our knees quake. But the knowledge that the call is of Christ, for Christ, gives us courage to attempt things for God which seem impossible. Pray that our Church may strive for that measure of love for our brethren and fellow men in Europe which God expects of us.

St. Louis LAWRENCE MEYER

Russian slave workers holding their first Easter service in Germany

Midnight procession of about 750 worshipers who took part in the traditional three services of the Russian Easter

Russian Slave Workers Furnishing a Place of Worship in Germany

Atheism Has Lost the Fight

(The picture to left on this page is one of the most remarkable that we have received from the European Theater of War. It is a U. S. Army Signal Corps photograph taken May 5, 1945. The official notation reads: "Three Russians of a displaced persons center at Baumholder, Ger., in the chapel for which they are credited with working hardest to complete after having the idea of converting an unused stable into a place of worship." Chaplain Piepkorn, who sent us the picture, writes the following story in explanation.)

Assisted a group of Russian displaced persons in rebuilding a disused stable in the assembly center and equipping it as a Russian chapel and supervised their Easter services on 5 and 6 May (the Easter of Christians using the Julian calendar) since they had no clergyman of their own. The way in which these Russian Christians had kept their faith alive during 24 years of official atheism in Russia, while God, in the words of their late Metropolitan, sat in the corner and waited, and then through three and four years of slavery and peonage in Germany, has been one of the most faith-strengthening experiences of my military career. These people, inspired by the determination of two men (Kiril Melnik and Zinovie Orginat, respectively the men on the left and right of the photograph; the one in the middle is the choir leader, Ivan Shapovalov of Saporodye; the other two are from Kiev) who felt that they wanted to exercise their right to freedom of religion, without a clergyman, almost without any books, with only their memories of a quarter of a century ago to guide them, transformed a stable into a church, equipped it with their traditional symbols of worship (all of which they had to fashion by hand from such materials as

they could pick up locally), trained a 35-voice choir, and with great devotion revived the traditional Easter customs of their homeland in tribute to the risen Redeemer. I now know a little better what our Lord's words about the gates of hell not prevailing against His Church mean!

From a Pocket Notebook

At Trinity Church, Los Angeles, the Peace Thankoffering totaled close to $4,000. Walther Leaguers are sponsoring a Concordia bookstore in the school building. There is a direct relationship between reading the synodical literature and supporting the synodical work. . . . The Summer Pulpit, in the California mountains, enjoyed its best year, being sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Conference. We note that attendance was helped by display posters and the slide "Vacation with God," run by courtesy of the owners of the local theater at every performance. . . . They are overlooking no publicity methods in Nevada either. At Sunsanville we had a V-J service in a public hall, publicized with a slide at a local theater, announcements in business places, and a sound truck. . . . Never does the longing for the great outdoors of marvelous California grow stronger than when reading in the LUTHERAN WITNESS Supplement for California and Nevada that "pastor and family vacationed at Yosemite" or that "pastor and wife vacationed at Lake Tahoe." . . . Schools looking for samples of fine publicity should order from Pastor Theodore Nickel in Chicago the Folder of Jehovah School. Maybe the publicity appealed to us because we taught in that school some 35 years ago; but judge for yourself. . . . With more than 200 students in attendance our Detroit Lutheran High School is stepping right along. The roster shows a very cosmopolitan make-up: Cadogan, Carlson, Deromedi, Dion, East, Fisceri, Gray, Hall, Harrington, Hawthorne, Hollinger, Ivey, Jensen, Koslowski, La Doucem, Le May, Malmborg, Maykovich, McQuitty, Robertson, Robillard, Scharnitzke, Seldon, Skarune, Puffpaff, Vida, Tanner, Zuckowski. . . . Some years ago we wrote an article on Ministerial Perquisites or Incidental Fees (for baptisms, weddings, etc.), and we received letters from laymen absolutely condemning the system. The laymen were wrong, but the subject has since remained in the files. Now comes Visitor G. H. Hentschel in his "Parish Planning" and explains just why incidentals are legitimate means of supporting the ministry. . . . Congratulations to Vern Brauer and Dean Meyer, two first graders in our school at Cheyenne, Wyo., of whom the teacher testifies that they are "learning rapidly." . . . The North Dakota and Montana Supplement editor reports that a Lutheran church in Portland, Oreg., offered a scholarship for perfect attendance to pupils of the vacation Bible school. "Any boy or girl whose record was 100 per cent was offered half expenses for one week at the summer camp at Colton, Oreg. Similar arrangements might be worked out for the Walther League camps in North Dakota and Montana," and in Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. . . . The E pennant for September goes to Trinity Church at Nokomis, Ill. (260 communicants), which collected $4,700 on V-J Day for its building fund after raising $2,600 for the V-E-Day Peace Thankoffering. . . . One should be slow to pronounce any officer, committee, or board of Synod or District (or any professor or editor) entirely useless. Even a clock that does nothing but stand still is right twice a day. . . . Our Southern California congregations employ every educational means supplementary to the regular parish and Sunday school — visual education finds a prominent place. Vacation Bible schools in practically every parish. . . . A token of appreciation ($50) was sent to Pastor Luther Schwartzkopf by "the office of *U. S. S. Vanadium*" to help cover expenses in connection with the recent Lutheran vacation Bible school conducted by him in Pine Creek, Calif. . . . High school teachers welcome our parochial school graduates with open arms. When a teacher in Nelson Page Junior School in San Antonio, Tex., was asked whether she could recommend some private school for a certain child, she recommended immediately "the little Lutheran School on Roseborough." . . . Cross Lutheran School in Omaha has enrolled 47 children from the congregation, 8 from sister congregations, and 130 from non-Lutheran homes. . . . We have a memorandum on a professor in Purdue University who regularly asks his class to write a first essay on the theme "Why Am I an Atheist?" . . . In a bulletin of the American Association for the Advancement of Science we read: "Charles Darwin removed man from his lonely and barren pedestal of a special creation." Besides indicating the ungodly spirit which supports evolutionism, the sentiment here expressed seems rather too complimentary to the theory which makes man a descendant of the ape. . . . Prof. Albert Hyma, Christian scholar and teacher of history in the University of Michigan, illustrated the destructive work done in some schools by the attitude of a professor from Yale whom he heard say to a group of scholars that "only the uneducated persons in this country still go to church."

G.

New School at Brownsville, Texas

At the tip of the nation, less than a half mile from the banks of the lazy Rio Grande, Trinity Congregation at Brownsville, Tex., has established a Christian day school. This southernmost Lutheran school in the United States of America was opened on Sept. 10, 1945, with 29 children enrolled in the first three grades. Mr. V. K. Bloch, a recent normal school candidate, was installed as teacher of the school in a festive service on Sept. 2, 1945.

There are eight children from Trinity Congregation enrolled in our school, five come from our Latin American mission in Brownsville, and 16 are from non-Lutheran homes. The congregation plans steady additions to the school until a full eight-grade grammar school is in operation here. Serious thought also is being given to the opening of a kindergarten.

In 1942 Trinity Congregation owned only a small frame church building, 30×40, situated on an out-of-the-way lot, with a railroad track running through the alley. An expansion program was begun in August of 1942, when the congregation with help from the Texas District Church Extension Treasury purchased a five-room parsonage. The following year, in November, with the full co-operation of the District Mission Board and the Church Extension Treasury, six fine lots were acquired for an entire new church plant. These lots are only five blocks from the post office and federal building in Brownsville on a prominent street.

Trinity Lutheran School, Brownsville, Texas

After many disheartening delays and wartime difficulties the congregation in December of 1944 began construction of a modern educational building. This $15,000 brick structure was dedicated to the service of God last Palm Sunday. The auditorium of this building is to serve the congregation for public worship until such time as the congregation can erect a suitable church edifice on one of the corners of this fine location.

Trinity Congregation now has a membership of 115 souls, 75 communicants.

Trinity Congregation has had a resident pastor only since 1939. The present pastor, Rev. C. A. Gaertner, arrived in August, 1942. The Texas District Mission Board and Trinity Congregation are confident that Brownsville, a border city of 30,000, a winter tourist resort, a gateway to Mexico and the rest of Latin America, with a rapidly developing deep-water port and a famous international airport, will continue to offer for our mission opportunities for growth and expansion.

C. A. GAERTNER

Workshop on Parish Education, June 27, 1945, Howard Lake, Minnesota

Minnesota District Fosters Educational Workshop

The picture presented on this page shows the Workshop on Parish Education sponsored by the Minnesota District Board of Parish Education under the leadership of Pastor H. J. Boettcher, Director of Christian Education. There are in this group about eighty workers from the ten parishes of the First Circuit, Minnetonka Conference, gathered at Howard Lake on June 27. Guest speaker on the program as well as also guiding sectional discussions on visual education was Mr. Theodore Hillmann, St. Louis. THEO. MELINAT

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be sent to Prof. W. G. Polack, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis 5, Mo.

The Rev. Wm. C. Schmidt (d. Aug. 26, 1945) was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1877, was brought to America at the age of two years, attended historic St. Matthew's in New York as a youth, studied at Concordia Collegiate Institute, then at Hawthorne, N. Y., Concordia College, Fort Wayne, and graduated from the St. Louis Seminary in 1899. He first became a "circuit rider" in the Ozarks of Missouri, then pastor at Oradell, Maywood, and Newark, N. J., later at Manchester, Conn., and finally at Grace, Jamaica, N. Y., which he organized in 1920 and served to the moment of his death. He died suddenly before the altar of his church after ordaining the undersigned, at the moment when the congregation was singing the words of the recessional hymn: "Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast." The funeral service, at which more than forty pastors were present, was held in his church on Aug. 29. Synodical Vice-President Dr. Arthur Brunn spoke on John 11:28: "The Master is come and calleth for thee." The liturgists were the Rev. Louis S. Wagner and the Rev. Martin Th. Steege. The Rev. Wm. J. Wiltenburg officiated at the interment at Nassau Knolls Cemetery, Port Washington, L. I. Pastor Schmidt leaves his wife, Johanna, nee Siemer, whom he married in 1902, two sons, one of them, Norman, a chief petty officer in the U. S. Navy, and two daughters.

RAYMOND G. MOELTER

The Rev. Herman Ernest Schmidt, *P. em* (d. Aug. 29, 1945), son of Christoph and Dorothea (Preetz) Schmidt, was born at Breitenfeld, Saxony, Aug. 5, 1868, came to America with his parents in 1874, and settled in Town Wilson, Sheboygan Co., Wis. He was confirmed by Pastor Philip Wambsganss, Sr., in 1882, entered the Springfield Seminary in 1888, and graduated in 1893. He served at High Falls and Mulgrave, Quebec, Can., Town Jackson, Otter Creek, Town Wilson, Town Herman, Town Easton, and Lyndon Station, Wis. From 1924 to 1938 he was in charge of St. Matthew's, Lucas Township, Effingham Co., Ill. He remained here as a member of the church after his retirement until his death. On Aug. 24, 1893, he was married to Mathilde Radloff, who, with three of their five children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, survive him. The one surviving son is Pastor Christian Schmidt of Woodburn, Ind. Funeral services were held on Sept. 1. Pastor Theo. Dautenhahn officiated in the home. The deceased had made his own funeral sermon, on Ps. 23. This sermon was read in the church by the undersigned. Pastor L. Stuebe spoke on Gen. 49:18. Interment was made in the cemetery of St. Matthew's Congregation. W. C. REDEKER

DEATH NOTICE

The Rev. J. C. Hildebrandt, pastor emeritus, died Oct. 5, 1945, at Duluth, Kansas. R. HILDEBRANDT

The Rev. E. Gehrke, *P. em.,* Bancroft, Nebr., was taken to his heavenly home on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the age of 78 years, 3 months, and 15 days. W. E. HOMANN

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained and Commissioned:

Cand. Edmund A. Bentrup as missionary in East Port Orchard, Wash., by R. Spannaus, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Cand. Ralph C. Claus as missionary in the Southern California District, by L. H. Jagels, 16. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 16.

Ordained and Installed:

Cand. J. G. Jacobsen in Zion Congregation, St. Francis, Kans., by John Schmidt, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Cand. Willard Hanser ordained in Zion Church, Burnett, Wis., by H. Hanser and installed in Zion Congregation, Laramie, Wyo., by Karl H. Evers, 15. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 9.

Cand. John M. Kempff in the Dinorwic-Waldhof Parish, Ont., Can., by Donovan A. Bakalyar, Sept. 17.

Cand. Walter Klipp in Jerusalem Congregation, Carter, and in Redeemer Congregation, Clearfield, S. Dak., by Fred Eberbach, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.

Cand. Marvin Lehnhardt in Gloria Dei Congregation, New Orleans, La., by Pres. M. W. H. Holls, 17. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 23.

Cand. Walter Leininger in Trinity Congregation, Gillette, Wyo., by E. J. Bernthal, 18. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 30.

PASTORS

Commissioned:

A. F. Gerbhardt in Redeemer Congregation, Balboa (Diablo Heights), Canal Zone by Chaplain Lee Egloff, 7. Sun. p. Tr., July 15.

Installed:

L. S. Imm as assistant pastor in Our Savior's Congregation, St. Paul, Minn., by F. L. Oberschulte, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

H. C. Lehenbauer in Peace Congregation near Thomasboro, Ill., by H. A. Schroeder, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

O. W. Mieger in Grace Congregation, Visalia, Calif., by Geo. Mieger, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

K. H. Schaaf in Bethlehem Congregation, Davenport, Nebr., by L. E. Vogel, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

L. V. Stephan in St. Peter's Congregation, Arlington Heights, Ill., by Harry C. Fricke, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

L. M. Westerkamp in Our Savior's Congregation, Seattle, Wash., by Carl H. Bensene, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Gerhard Huebner in St. John's Congregation, Portage, Wis., by Edmund Huebner, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Carl Lantz in the Germanicus-Eganville parish, Golden Lake, Ont., Can., by Pres. F. Malinsky, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Carl E. Mehl in Faith Congregation, Denver, Colo., by T. J. Mehl, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

K. F. Schroeder in St. Salvator Congregation, Venedy, Ill., by Arno C. Meyer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

TEACHERS

Installed:

Paul Ebel in First Lutheran Congregation, Long Beach, Calif., by M. J. Bruer, Aug. 29, 1943.

E. H. Dieckhoff in St. Paul's Congregation, Stover, Mo., by J. C. Schedler, 11. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 12.

Cand. Karl O. Gandt in St. Paul's Congregation, Tracy, Calif., by Ralph Busch, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

T. M. Goehring in Nazareth Congregation, Detroit, Mich., by Conrad J. Engelder, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Edmund Hafemeister in Trinity Congregation, Lexington, Nebr., by O. F. W. Pittack, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Edward W. Selke in St. Paul's Congregation, Jonesville, Ind., by Edw. Hoeferkamp, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Cand. Roland Sylvester in Bethlehem Congregation, Berkeley, Calif., by M. Engel, 13. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 26.

Emmett F. Bartels in Zion Congregation, Terra Bella, Calif., by Paul E. Jacobs, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

G. P. Bertram in Holy Cross Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by Paul Koenig, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

William Boettcher in Trinity Congregation, Muskegon, Mich., by W. F. Luebke, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
William O. Denninger in St. John's Congregation, Portage, Wis., by Gerhard Huebner, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Cand. Herbert Grueber in Grace Congregation, Dodge Center, Minn., by E. Borchert, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
W. J. Handrich in St. John's Congregation, Young America, Minn., by W. P. Kramer, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Paul W. Jabker in Holy Cross Congregation, St. Louis, Mo., by Paul Koenig, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Erwin H. Klemp in St. Paul's Congregation, Round Lake, Ill., by Herman C. Noll, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Armin Meyermann in Immanuel Congregation, Des Plaines, Ill., by Allen H. Fedder, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Richard F. Nordbrock in Trinity Congregation, Muskegon, Mich., by W. F. Luebke, 14 Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
H. C. Rupp in Emmaus Congregation, Fort Wayne, Ind., by F. W. Wambsganss, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Erwin B. Schaefer in Our Redeemer Congregation, Overland, Mo., by Wm. F. Dietze, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
C. W. Schwich in Zion Congregation, Brighton, Colo., by Paul Kretzschmar, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
O. R. Spurgat in St. John's Congregation, Indianapolis, Ind., by L. Wambsganss, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.
Theo. Von Fange in Trinity Congregation, Eureka, Calif., by Herbert L. Maahs, 14. Sun. p. Tr., Sept. 2.

Conference Meetings

Pastors':

South Minnetonka, Oct. 25, 26, Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. Gal. 2: Prof. A. Streufert. The Cure of Souls at the Sickbed: A. F. Vomhof. Woman's Suffrage in the Church: R. Ritz. Proper Relation between Congregation and Its Societies: J. H. Klausmeier. Descent into Hell: Doctrine and Implications: O. W. Rohde. Socialism: F. Janzow. Pastoral sermon: S. Rottmann (R. Norden). Communion address: C. Niemann (L. Morgal). Announcements as to meals and lodging to Prof. M. Graebner prior to Oct. 20, please. — REUBEN L. EHLEN.

Southeast Missouri, Nov. 7 (9 A. M.), 8, Frohna, Mo.; Pastor G. W. Hafner. Communion service Wednesday 9 A. M. Sermon: W. Keisker. Christ as a Model in Dealing with People: A. M. Lohmann. The Separation Demanded by God's Word: L. F. Dippold. Persecutions under Marcus Aurelius: T. Predoehl. Our Duty of Testifying Against Modern False Prophets: A. Vogel. Christ's Attitude Toward Error and Errorists: G. B. Seboldt. Biography of Ignatius: H. J. Teske. Toward Lutheran Union: W. F. Dommer. Synodical Matters and Casuistry: Keisker. Presence or absence to host pastor before Nov. 4 — THEO. C. PREDOEHL, *Secretary.*

Teachers':

Minnesota, Oct. 25, 26, Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn. — A. J. SPRENGELER, *Chairman.*

Joint:

South Idaho (Pastors and Laymen), Nov. 6 to 8, Ashton, Idaho. Doctrine of the Inspiration: P. E. Kretzmann. Christian Burial: J. Nauss. Why I Am a Tither: Mr. L. Tiegs. What's Happening in Our Congregations in South Idaho: Hy. Schulze. Redeployment of Service Personnel: Chaplain Karl Tubesing. Planning Your Church Building Program: Mr. L. A. Miller. Publicizing South Idaho: R. Muhly. Opening Communion service Tuesday at 10:30. Registration by cards supplied by mail. — WILLIAM GARZ, *Chairman.*

Committee to Re-examine Rules of Procedure for the Board of Appeals

The above-mentioned committee, appointed by Pres. J. W. Behnken, D. D., will meet Nov. 5 and 6 at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill. Interested members of Synod may send constructive criticisms or suggestions by mail or appear in person at their own expense. — W. D. OETTING, *Secretary,* 128 Vine Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Election at Concordia Teachers College River Forest

Mr. Paul Bunjes, Wausau, Wis., having declined the call, the Board of Electors in a special meeting held Sept. 25, 1945, elected Prof. Walter Buszin, Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., for the Chair of Church Music. — P. L. KLUENDER, Secretary, Board of Control.

Additional Nominations

For Librarianship at Seward

Pastor Kenneth L. Ahl, Orange, Calif., nominated by St. Mark of Waco, Tex.; Faith Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.; Highland Park Congregation, Los Angeles, Calif.
Rev. Clayton Hammell, Kirksville, Mo., by St. Andrew's Congregation, St. Louis, Mo.
Teacher Herbert Herpolsheimer, St. Charles, Mo., by St. John's Congregation, Ellisville, Mo.

I. C. HEINICKE, *Chairman of Board of Control*
Seward, Nebr., Oct. 13, 1945

The Accelerated Winter Quarter at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest

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Since thirteen candidates will be graduated Nov. 21, accommodations will be available for at least ten college men and for a few college women. The accelerated curriculum has been so arranged that suitable courses are offered for newcomers who have high school graduate standing or above.

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For our fall catalog, application blanks, and other information please write ARTHUR KLINCK, *President,* Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

Sept. 28, 1945

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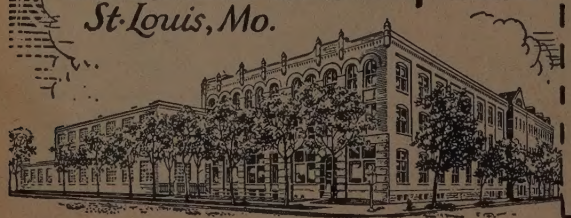

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